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Vol. V. The Hydrology of the Lake Plateau and Bahr El Jebel, Schindler's Press, Cairo, 1938, pp. 251.

Vol. VI. Monthly and Annual Rainfall Totals and Number of Rainy Days at Stations in and near the Nile Basin for the period ending 1937, Schindler's Press, Cairo, 1943, pp. 613.

Vol. VII. The Future Conservation Of The Nile, S.O.P. Press, Cairo, 1946, pp. 178.

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A monumental work. The standard reference series on the Nile basin. Volumes I, V, VII, and VIII are textual; volumes (with supplements) II, III, IV, and VI are statistical.

2. Nile Projects Commission. Report, The Whitefriars Press, Ltd., London and Tonbridge, 1920, pp. 126.

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3. Hurst, H. E., The Lake Plateau Basin of the Nile, Egypt, Ministry of Public Works, Physical Department, Government Press, Cairo.

Vol. I, Physical Department Paper No. 21, 1925, pp. 75, maps, diagrams, pictures. Based on investigations conducted in 1924 to acquire general information on the physiography of the Upper Nile Basin with special attention to hydrography and climatology. Presents detailed information on terrain, water regime, vegetation, and animal life.

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4. Hurst, H. E., The Nile, London, Whitefriars Press Ltd., 1952, pp. 322.

A description for the layman of the water bodies that make up the Nile system with remarks on a variety of related subjects. Brief and recent coverage of the textual volumes written in collaboration with Phillips, Black and Simaika (Ref. #1). Last third of the book concentrates on hydrology. Easy reading. Highly recommended by Derwent Whittlesey, late American authority on Africa..

5. Jonglei Investigation Team (Howell, P. P., Chairman), The Equatorial Nile Project And Its Effects In The Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, WaterFlow and Sons Ltd., 1954.

Introduction and Summary, pp. lxix.

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Excellent detailed discussion of topography, climate, hydrology, domestic

and stock water supplies, irrigation, drainage, communication, ecology (including soils and vegetation), inhabitants, animal husbandry, crop husbandry, and fisheries.

Vol. II. The Equatorial Nile Project: Its Effects And The Remedies,

pp. 417.

Discusses project and its effect on hydrology, pasture and animal husbandry, fish and fisheries, topography and climate, crop production, and communications. Advances pasture remedy measures, discusses agricultural alternatives and engineering aspects of remedial measures, including cost aspects.

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Contains 249 maps and graphs, most of them larger than page size. Reflects the British emphasis on statistical and mapping detail.

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A short presentation of the problem with pertinent statistics. Conclusions clearly stated in general terms.

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Discusses results of investigation made in inundated areas of the White Nile during flood. Deals largely with predicted and observed flood-plain areas.

10. Great Britain, Central Office of Information, Nile Waters Development, London 1952, pp. 7, Map.

Gives summary of work done on Nile for past 100 years. Brief discussion of major works. Summarizes research on Nile and indicates new projects as of 1952.

11. State, Cairo. Dsp 2014, 1 April 1952, Notes on the Gezira Scheme in the Sudan. pp. 5.

Brief description of: areas cultivated, practices, and crops, by the Cairo Geographical Attache.

12. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation. Reconnaissance Report of the Blue Nile River Basin Within Ethiopia (by T.A. Clark and W.H. Greenhalgh), Washington, August 1952, pp. 28.

Potential development of the Blue Nile basin. Includes brief description of climate (with statistics) and monthly discharge figures of the Blue Nile at its exit from Lake Tana for the period 1920-1932.

13. Uganda Electricity Board. Owen Falls, Opening by Her Majesty The

Queen, 29th April 1954. pp. 40.

A semi-popular account giving history of the development of the Falls, technical aspects (including diagrams), economics and financing. Excellent pictures.

14. State, Khartoum. Dsp 209, 9 May 1955, Potential Irrigation

Development in the Sudan. pp. 3.

Concise statement, with figures, of Sudan government plans for irrigation development over the next quarter century. Source: H.A. Morrice, Irrigation Advisor to the Sudan government.

15. State, Addis Adaba, Dsp 325, 24 May 55, Notes on the Proper Utili-

zation of Waters of the Blue Nile.

Notes by Italian engineer employed by Ethiopian Power company that give convenient summary of proposed utilization of Blue Nile waters.

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on the Blue Nile. pp. 5.

The full report on the Roseires Dam Project by Alexander Gibb and Partners, Consulting Engineers to the Sudan Government, is here briefed by H.A.W. Morrice, Irrigation Adviser.

17. International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Egypt-Sudd

El-Auli (High Dam) Project, R-933, 16 December 1955.

Appendix A, six pages long, is a technical description including cost figures and a statement of points on which Egypt and the Sudan would have to agree before the dam could be built.

18. Uganda Protectorate, Annual Report of the Department of Hydrological

Survey for the Year Ended 31 December 1955. pp. 101, Map.

Briefly discusses research completed, in progress, and planned. Detailed tables of discharge rates.

19. State, Cairo, Dsp 2166, 12 Mar 1956, pp. 3. Two Views of Nile

Water Storage and Egypt's Irrigable Area.

Warning by H.E. Hurst, Consultant to Ministry of Agriculture, that there is not as much water available to Egypt as the Ministry indicates.

20. Agriculture, Cairo. Report #91, 7 April 1956, Sudan-Agricultural

Expansion Plans. pp. 8.

Description of the four projects planned for the Sudan and their dates of completion, the Jonglei scheme, and the expansion of pump schemes.

21. State, Khartoum. Dsp 141, 4 December 1956, Plan For the Nile Valley.

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A study of over-all Nile water potential by A.W. Morriss, Irrigation Advisor to the Sudan Government, published in May 1956. Details of author's adaptation of data for IBM computation with brief general discussion of physical factors.

Egyptian-Sudanese Conflict

22. State, Khartoum, Dap 60, 14 Oct 54. Nile Waters Deadlock. pp. 2.

Discussion of failure of Egyptians to agree to Roseires Dam and Sudanese failure to agree on High Aswan Dam.

23. State, Cairo, Dap 2180, 24 May 55. Division of Nile Waters. pp. 3.

Points out that figures given by Hurst and Black do not agree with those issued by Egyptian officials or Sudanese officials for flow and use of Nile waters.

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pp. 4.

One of the best short resumes of the situation in quantitative terms with pertinent unsolved questions. Presents Egyptian and Sudanese claims and Embassy thinking as of mid 1955.

25. CIA Office of Current Intelligence, The Nile Water Conflict Between Egypt and the Sudan in Current Intelligence Weekly Summary, 31 January 1957, pages III 6 to III 11.

Brief statement of Egyptian and Sudanese positions and proposed schemes. Graphs and schematic diagram.

The Egyptian View

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Points of difference between Egypt and the Sudan on allocation of Nile waters according to Mohamed Selim, a leading Egyptian authority on irrigation.

27. State, Cairo, Dsp 86, 18 July 55, The Sudan in Egyptian-American Relations. pp. 3.

Comments on Egyptian fears of political isolation and loss of Nile waters. Author mentions payments to individuals in the Sudan in order to protect Egypt's interests there.

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35. Manaqil Extension [proposed addition to Gezira Scheme]; in two sheets; 1:250,000; Sudan Survey Department Overprint, 1956.

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